

## A NEW PEARL HARBOR CONTRACT

### WALTER G. SMITH TO BE EDITOR HERE AGAIN

#### SUPERVISOR LOW ON STRIKE, OTHER MEMBERS SAY HE WANTS TO RUN EVERYTHING

An amendment to the rules of the board of supervisors will be required if Supervisor Eben Low sticks to his determination not to serve as chairman of any committee at all unless he can have the chairmanship he wants—that of the committee on roads. There are just chairmanships enough to go round, and the rules provide that no member shall be a chairman of more than one committee. If Low won't serve some member will have to be chairman of two committees.

There are rumors that the strenuous contest for the road supervisorship is in some way connected with the sudden effort made in the Republican executive committee to turn down City and County Physician MacKall. Low lost some friends by butting into that contest. Though not a member of the executive committee, he attended the meeting and spoke against MacKall, sitting with George A. Davis and joining that strenuous individual in working for Dr. Raymond.

This is taken by some of Low's associates on the board as another proof of their charge that he wants to run everything his own way. He had no right in the executive committee meeting, they say. The board majority is for Dr. MacKall and didn't like Low's going alone and trying to "knock" him.

"It looks as if Supervisor Low was going to be a very hard man to get along with," said one of the other members of the board. "He wants everything absolutely his own way and won't even be argued with. He gave a fine sample of this when he said he wouldn't play if he couldn't overrule the whole board in the matter of choosing chairmen of committees. Out of six Republicans on the board, four—not including Dwight—voted for Dwight. This means five votes for Dwight and one for Low. And Low says that unless his one vote can boss all the others he won't serve at all. The majority of the board is not going to be bulldozed that way, I am sure."

#### WALTER G. SMITH TO BE EDITOR OF THE STAR

Walter G. Smith, the well known newspaperman and former editor of the Advertiser, will return to Honolulu in the near future, to be editor of The Star. Mr. Smith was the first editor of this paper and one of its founders, in 1893, and is well known for his ability both as a writer and an editorial manager, and his many friends and admirers here will welcome the news that he has accepted an editorship here again.

The coming editor of The Star has had quite a distinguished career in journalism since he helped to found the Hawaiian Star nearly eighteen years ago. He left here not long afterwards to take a position on the San Francisco Chronicle, one of the biggest papers of the western United States. On that paper he held the position of city editor and editorial writer and at the outbreak of the war between China and Japan, the Chronicle sent him to the front as its correspondent. His news service and articles on the war added to his reputation. He returned to Honolulu to become editor of the Advertiser and served for about ten years, up to about a year ago, when he went back to the San Francisco Chronicle. While one of the editors of that paper during the past year he has been also an editorial writer on the San Francisco Argonaut, a weekly which is regarded by many as the best literary weekly in America.

Mr. Smith will arrive here early in the new year.

#### SEVERAL BIG CONTRACTS LET BY THE NAVY

(Associated Press Cable to The Star.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 20.—Several important contracts, one including work at Pearl Harbor, were awarded by the navy department today. The A. L. Berger Pump Company was given the contract for the pumping machinery for the docks at the Bremerton, New York and Pearl harbor navy yards. The price is \$323,000.

The contract for construction of the new battleship Texas was awarded to the Newport News shipbuilding company, at a price of \$5,820,000.

#### CALIFORNIA CONVICTIONS ARE AGAIN SET ASIDE

(Associated Press Cable to The Star.)

SAN FRANCISCO, December 20.—Two decisions in appeals of important criminal cases, both of them reversing the lower courts, were rendered today by the Appellate Court.

In the case of Walter Barnett, former manager of the California Safe Deposit and Trust Company, which had a disastrous failure, the conviction in the lower court was set aside. Barnett was under sentence of ten years for embezzlement of funds of the Colton estate from the bank of which he had charge.

A new trial was granted to Michael J. Conboy, former captain of police, who has been serving a sentence of seven years for manslaughter. Conboy, while drunk, shot and killed a youth who went to assist him on the street after midnight about two years ago. He said he thought the young man was going to attack him. In a second trial he got off with a verdict of manslaughter, which is now set aside.

#### TAFT FINDS THAT WYNNE WAS DRUNK

(Special Cable to The Star.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 20.—President Taft today commuted the sentence of John Wynne who was awaiting execution in Oahu prison, to life imprisonment. Taft holds that the evidence shows that at the time of the murder Wynne was in such a condition of intoxication as to constitute extenuation for the crime, to the extent of saving the murderer from the gallows.

#### WYNNE WILL NOT BE HANGED

United States Marshal Hendry this morning received a telegram from Attorney General Wickersham reading: "President has commuted sentence of John Wynne to imprisonment for life. Warrant by mail. Answer."

Wynne, who was a fireman on the steamer Rosecrans, murdered Archibald McKinnon an engineer on the vessel while she was lying in Honolulu. Wynne was intoxicated at the time. The murder was committed in 1907, and the indictment was filed in October of that year. The case went to trial on October 23 of the following year, and on November 6 Wynne was found guilty. Seven days later, the extreme penalty of the law was imposed. An appeal was lodged by Wynne's attorneys. On June 3 last a mandate was received from the United States Supreme Court, and the decision of the local Federal Court was upheld. Wynne's friends got to work and endeavored to have his case again inquired into, and in order to give the commission that was appointed to make the inquiries plenty of time, a reprieve was given until December 5. On November 10 a further reprieve until January 3 was given, and then came the news this morning that the sentence had been commuted to one of life.

#### HUSBAND'S DYING KILLS WIFE MAKING TEN CHILDREN ORPHANS

Particulars of the simultaneous deaths of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Christian at Lihue on Thursday last have been received. While the mystery of the strange occurrence is dispelled, its sadness is none the less striking.

Mr. Christian had been ill for a week at home at Hanalei. On Thursday morning he was taken to the hospital at Lihue, where he died of hemorrhage of the lungs at eleven o'clock that night.

Mrs. Christian had been sent for when the dangerous condition of her husband became evident. When she reached his bedside he was dying. She tried to talk to him, but he was beyond the power of replying. He did not even recognize his wife.

This sudden grief of the destroyer's coming to separate her life partner from her overcame the poor woman. She swooned there by his deathbed and almost instantly died, and soon afterward he also breathed his last. Mrs. Christian had not been ill, but had been affected with heart trouble.

Ten children were left orphans by the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. Christian, and the latter also left her aged mother, together with a brother and a number of half brothers and sisters, one of the latter being Mrs. Vivichaves of Honolulu.

The double funeral took place on Friday at Hanalei, people from all surrounding places attending. Portuguese pallbearers carried the coffin, that of the husband preceding, and the Lihue band with solemn airs led the procession.

The late Mr. Christian was head luna of Hanalei plantation. His wife was formerly Miss Emma Spencer, a daughter of the late Stephen Spencer.

#### CHANGING REPRESENTATION IN LEGISLATURE

Governor Frear stated this morning that some time ago he wrote to the director of the Census Bureau asking that he be furnished with a list of the number of citizens in each electoral district, as under the terms of the Organic Act representation in the Legislature was to be given according to the population of each district. A reply has now been received by the Governor in which the director stated that he hoped to be able to furnish the information required in time for it to be submitted at the next session of the legislature.

Representation is to be on a residential basis and not on a voting basis. Therefore, it is necessary that the number of men, women and children in each district should be known.

The figures are expected to increase Oahu's representation.

#### LURLINE LEAVES THIS EVENING

The Lurline leaves at six o'clock this evening for San Francisco with a large number of passengers and a light cargo. Her cargo includes 3,000 tons of sugar, 2000 tons of molasses, 2000 bunches of bananas, 1000 bags of rice and other general merchandise. In addition to the passengers published in another column, the following also are to leave: Mrs. H. P. Knight, Miss G. Knight, Miss Edwina Moore, W. W. Kirkland, T. G. Newman and Chung Shu Yung.

#### TAKES HOTEL AGENCY.

The Hotel Stewart, of San Francisco, is actively reaching for business in Honolulu, and is doing it on a kind of reciprocity plan. Arrangements have been made with the Trent Trust Co. for taking bookings for the Stewart, and the Stewart encourages its guests to make the side trip to Honolulu.

#### FREAR'S VIEW OF FIGHT FOR PROHIBITION

This morning Governor Frear stated that he thought that it was unfortunate that an attempt was to be made to pass a prohibition bill referring, of course, to the Curtis Bill, in Congress on behalf of Hawaii. He thought that it would be better to leave such matters to the legislature here, where they could be dealt with by those who had a thorough knowledge of the conditions.

The mere fact, however, that the recent plebiscite showed that the majority of people were against prohibition, the governor considered, should not prevent any further attempts in this direction. There were still a lot of people in favor of prohibition and it did not always follow that the majority were right. There were many good things that were in the minority in the beginning, but were now favored by the majority.

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#### FINAL BRITISH FIGURES

(Special Cable to The Star.)

LONDON, December 20.—The final election returns are now in and they show that the coalition of government forces have 398 members elected and the opposition has 272, giving the government a majority of 126.

Fine Job Printing, Star Office.

#### NEW RICE MILL.

The K. Yamamoto Rice Mill is the largest as well as the finest in the islands. All machinery is of the very latest pattern. The famous Tengu Rice is cleaned at this mill. With the large cleaning capacity they are able to handle considerable outside particular work which they guarantee.